

## **INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS**

### **Obsolete Reimbursement Language in Regulations 1001, 1015, 1020, and 1021 and Procedure E-4**

Since 1988, POST has experimented with presenting training by satellite broadcast. This training delivery method has great potential for significantly reducing travel costs associated with the training of California law enforcement agency personnel. Realization of cost savings, however, was limited by the fact that few law enforcement agencies owned a Steerable C/Ku Band Television Receive Only Satellite Ground Terminal needed to receive the satellite broadcasts. POST also developed interactive videodisc (IVD) courseware that was suitable for presentation of training right at the agency site, making it more convenient and cost effective than the traditional way of presenting this training. But like satellite antennas, IVD systems had been installed at just a few agencies. Therefore, the potential to reduce the costs of travel and time associated with training employees via traditional, off-site classroom methods was limited.

In 1993, the Commission amended Regulation 1015 and adopted Regulations 1020 and 1021. These changes allowed POST Reimbursement Program agency to be reimbursed for the purchase of satellite antenna systems and IVD delivery systems for training full-time regularly paid law enforcement employees. Satellite antenna systems allowed POST monthly “telecourses” to be delivered anywhere in the state via the California POST Television Network (CPTN) broadcast satellite video programs. IVD delivery systems allowed POST agencies to use POST-provided IVD courseware (i.e., Law Enforcement Driver Training, First Aid/CPR) for training.

However, the POST satellite system has become obsolete as a delivery mechanism for training. The expense of satellite systems, the upkeep of deteriorating systems and the high cost of broadcast airtime led POST staff to create a new, less expensive method of delivery of needed training utilizing the high quality and compact delivery system presented in the Digital Video Disc (DVD). Replacing satellite broadcasts with DVD’s mailed to training coordinators, gives agencies the opportunity to schedule training at their convenience rather than attempting to coordinate training with POST broadcast schedules. This change in the delivery method of the training has eliminated the need for the Regulation 1020, Satellite Reimbursement, in POST Regulations.

POST reimbursement for the purchase of multimedia computers assisted many local law enforcement agencies in obtaining the necessary technology to use high quality interactive CD-ROM training courses. Subsequent lean budget years have precluded reimbursement for multimedia computer systems. Those same departments have transitioned to automation and computers are more commonly available for CD-ROM training. With the curtailment in funding for such programs and the prospect of transition to Internet delivered training, it is appropriate to remove this reimbursement section from regulation.

At its January 20, 2005 meeting, the Commission approved a proposal to amend Commission Regulations 1001 and 1015 and Procedure E-4, and to delete Commission Regulations 1020, and 1021 to remove obsolete regulation language.

#### **Regulation 1001(f) Amendment**

The letter reference within regulation 1001 (f) is amended to correspond with the re-lettering in Regulation 1015.

#### **Regulation 1015 Amendments**

For consistency with the deletion of Regulations 1020 and 1021, POST is deleting Regulation 1015(b) and the reference to Regulations 1020 and 1021 in Regulation 1015 (c). The reference within Regulation 1015(d) (3) is renumbered accordingly. Regulation 1015 (c) and subsequent sections are renumbered accordingly.

## **Regulations 1020 and 1020 Deletions**

The technology for delivering distance training has improved, is less expensive and is easier to deliver. Because of changes in technology, POST announced in January 2003 that announced satellite broadcasts to agencies would be discontinued and the monthly telecourses replaced with a mailed DVD containing the most current legal update or legislatively required training program. The last time funding was provided to law enforcement agencies for reimbursement of multi-media systems was in 1999 when bulletin 98-23 was mailed to the field.

## **Procedure E-4-28. Amendment**

The letter reference in Procedure E-4.28.is amended to correspond with the re-lettering in Regulation 1015.

## **Significant Statewide Adverse Economic Impact Directly Affecting California Businesses, including Small Business**

The Commission has made an initial determination that the amended regulations will not have a significant statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting California businesses, including the ability to compete with businesses in other states. The Commission on POST has found that the proposed amendments will have no effect on California businesses, including small businesses, because the Commission sets selection and training standards for law enforcement and does not impact California businesses, including small businesses.

## **Consideration of Alternatives**

Before the Commission takes this action, it must determine that no reasonable alternative it has considered, or that is otherwise identified and brought to the Commission's attention, would be more effective in carrying out the purpose of the proposed action, or would be as effective as and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed action.